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^{Shires} ~~England~~ & any good one &

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of the kind published
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next to look over -

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22
we think Mr Stanford
of having or Mr Farrer
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suitable publishers, but
we should be inclined
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5th April 1845

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agreement we can draw
up, & you can keep it
& put a receipt stamp
on it to make it
legal - We will
return quantity to whom
all is in our hands

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are considered the Reader
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will leave £20 profit,

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the profits equally with

you, & to give you the

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half when the book

is published, & any balance

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believe we shall soon

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be larger & as we shall

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pay the £22. 10. 0 again
for the electro -

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edition should be at least £40 -

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tell the likely annual
sale until the first

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edition is eschewed,
but we hope to sell
the 1000 within
9 or 12 months -

We shall send you
MS 1 & 2 proofs, sheet
by sheet at once &
shall hope to have
ready for our travels
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about Nov 1 for the
early Christmas season

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capitally for a first
title, but I think
there should be a
second title giving some
particulars for advertising
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one? — We had not
reckoned for that
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think as highly as I do of the
report of my friend, but
I fear we cannot hope that
he will be able to aid us
by reading and revising the
proof sheets as they pass
through the press.

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occupies him fully, and I know
that, in addition, he has
undertaken to deliver the
winter two series of lectures,
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gradually extending to the whole
World of India & the Colonies,
Europe, Asia, Australasia,
Africa, & America. This
might be made a very
interesting Reader, and form an
Introduction of the after
numbers, allusion of course
being made in the preface to
the necessity of children learning
about their own locality before
they begin the book.

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come in the order you suggest,
India and the Colonies being

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certainly be disposed in Book 3
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groups of Counties, as may be
best. The primary expense
of illustrations will not deter
me from making these books
as useful as possible, but of
course it will be impossible
to give illustrations that add to
the cost per copy, such as
coloured maps, requiring separate
printing. I should think
that Book 2 might have, in
addition to maps of the great
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Vegetable life, &c.

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publication, I will publish
as fast as I can get them ready.
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week, and Book 3 early in
October, in all probability you
would have slip proofs within
ten days of Book 1, and before
the end of October of Book 3.
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probably a long time, and it
may be quite the end of the year
before we can publish, but we
shall be better able to prepare
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the Map Questions, I think you
might add them to the slip
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